

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Govern Open Access to Bottleneck Services and Establish a Framework for Network Architecture Development of Dominant Carrier Networks.	Rulemaking 93-04-003
Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into Open Access and Network Architecture Development of Dominant Carrier Networks.	Investigation 93-04-002
Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion Into Competition for Local Exchange Service.	Rulemaking 95-04-043
Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Into Competition for Local Exchange Service.	Investigation 95-04-044

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING ON EXPEDITED MOTION OF THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE AND LATINO ISSUES FORUM

On September 13, 2001, I issued a ruling scheduling public participation hearings in the above-captioned proceeding on November 5 and 14, 2001, in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively. The purpose of these hearings is to give the public an opportunity to tell the Commission whether it feels

Pacific Bell's (Pacific) proposed entry into the interstate long distance telephone market is consistent with the public interest in California.

On September 18, 2001, The Greenlining Institute and Latino Issues Forum (Greenlining/LIF) filed a motion asking for an expedited directive implementing their recommendations on public participation hearing notice content, format and distribution. In response¹, Pacific attached a copy of the approved public notice and noted that Greenlining/LIF's concerns were taken into account during its drafting and review. Pacific also indicated that it is willing to discuss with Greenlining/LIF cost-efficient alternatives to providing bill insert notification to the public about the scheduled hearings. At this juncture, Pacific described the motion as moot.

Greenlining/LIF directly contacted the Public Advisor and Pacific, and together they crafted the bill insert notices. Pacific and Greenlining/LIF will be working towards extending notification to the public of the upcoming hearings beyond the billing envelope. I trust that Pacific and Greenlining/LIF will continue to involve the Public Advisor's Office during these discussions about broadening the appeal to the public. It appears that each of the parties involved

¹ Filed September 24, 2001.

responded collaboratively and swiftly to this time-sensitive task without the need for a directive from the Commission. I see no need to change the tenor of their ongoing discussions.

Accordingly, **IT IS RULED** that Greenlining/LIF's September 18, 2001 motion is moot, and hereby denied.

Dated September 27, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Geoffrey F. Brown

Geoffrey F. Brown
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling on Expedited Motion of the Greenlining Institute and Latino Issues Forum on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 27, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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